

House Resolution 1665

By: Representative Baker of the 78th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Police Sergeant Robert Joel Babb on the occasion of his
2 retirement; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Police Sergeant Robert Joel Babb is highly regarded by the citizens of this state
4 and by local government officials as a person of unquestioned integrity and dedication to the
5 sound principles of law enforcement; and

6 WHEREAS, Sergeant Babb has diligently and conscientiously devoted his time, talents, and
7 energy to law enforcement for 30 years, joining the Clayton County Police Department in
8 1980 and working his way up from a patrolman to a training officer to sergeant; and

9 WHEREAS, a resident of southeast Spalding County, Sergeant Babb was awarded the Medal
10 of Honor in 1992 for his courageous response in dealing with an escaped convict from
11 Arizona and stands as the only officer on the force to be bestowed with such a prestigious
12 honor; and

13 WHEREAS, just one week later, Sergeant Babb rescued a two-year-old who was wandering
14 alone near a busy intersection by placing his own safety on the line and running through
15 traffic to reach the child and carry him to safety; and

16 WHEREAS, he has served as sergeant of the Clayton County Police Department for the past
17 14 years and is known for his calm demeanor, soft-spoken nature, kind heart, and
18 professionalism; and

19 WHEREAS, Sergeant Babb has been united in love and marriage for 22 wonderful years to
20 his supportive wife, Karen Babb, who he trained as a patrolwoman in the mid-1980's; and

21 WHEREAS, he has exhibited extraordinary devotion to duty, outstanding loyalty, fine
22 leadership, and meticulous attention to detail in all his duties, and his efficient and effective
23 commitment to excellence has been continually recognized by his peers; and

24 WHEREAS, Sergeant Babb's vision and leadership will be sorely missed upon his retirement,
25 as he plans to spend more time with his family and tend to his land.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
27 the members of this body commend the selfless dedication exhibited by Police Sergeant
28 Robert Joel Babb in carrying out the difficult duties of his vocation for three decades, extend
29 to him their utmost appreciation for having so purely and truly defined for others the
30 meaning of public servant, and congratulate him on the grand occasion of his retirement.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
32 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Police Sergeant Robert Joel
33 Babb.